

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re the Application of: ) Group Art Unit: 3751  
William T. Ball ) Confirmation No.: 2017  
Serial No.: 10/732,726 ) Examiner: Baker, Lori L.  
Filed: December 10, 2003 ) **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**  
Atty. File No.: 5564-152 ) *Electronically Submitted*  
Entitled: "Method and Apparatus for Assembling )  
and Sealing Bathtub Overflow and )  
Waste Water Ports" )

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Amendment and Response to address an Office Action having a mailing date of October 25, 2010 and an Advisory Action having a mailing date of February 7, 2011. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a Petition for a two-month extension of time are also being submitted. Although no fees are believed due in addition to the Petition fee, the RCE fee, and the excess claim fees of \$214.00 that are being submitted electronically, Applicant authorizes the Examiner to charge any fees deemed necessary to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper; and  
Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.